

The Problems With Birthdays

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Summary: Dick is missing, On His Birthday! There is no worse time to dissapear. Of course the team is looking for him but he is nowhere to be found. Huh I wonder where he is. Read to find out :)

1. Chapter 1

It was bright and early and Wally was bustling around the kitchen, which was a first for him because he seemed to always be the last one awake. He was raiding the fridge and pulling food out of the cabinets trying to find something he could snack on while making breakfast for Dick. M'gann, Conner, and the rest of them were all still in bed. Which was a good thing for him since he wanted to do this himself and make it a surprise for his best friend. He peeled a banana as he cooked up some fried eggs and put some bread in the toaster.

"Man I wish I could get these eggs to cook faster." He waited impatiently watching them turn white. He had some bacon cooking on another burner with he completely forgot about and had turned completely black. "Oh shoot!" He shouted pulling the pan from the stove. He placed the now charred bacon on a plate and looked at it displeased, "Well I'd eat I guess. Besides I don't have any more bacon to cook."

He turned back to his eggs which looked well enough done. He placed them gingerly on the plate and checked his toast. He set the toaster on a setting to high so the toast was also charred.

"Well crap. He lathered each piece of bread rather thick with butter hoping to drown out the burnt taste then placed them next to the charred bacon. "I think this looks like a descent breakfast." He smiled peeling another banana and beginning to eat it. He grabbed to plate and was about to start running but quickly changed his mind, not wanting to spill his "delicious masterpiece".

Wally had gone to everyone's rooms first but Dick's waking them all up so they could go and surprise him with this special breakfast

together. The group walked towards Dick's room silently Artemis and Connor dragging behind sleepily. Wally held with masterpiece in one hand and placed the other on the doorknob to Dick's room. M'gann let out a tiny squeal of excitement then counted down.

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They all came bursting through the door, Wally just about dropped the plate of food

"SURPRISE!" They shouted together. Then they all stopped, M'gann peered under the covers. Dick wasn't there.

"Well that just ruined the whole thing," Wally said with a small sense of pouting in his voice, "I wonder where he is. M'gann?" He turned to face her.

M'Gann mind swept the whole mountain unable to sense him anywhere.

"I can't sense him here." she thought for a moment, "maybe he went back to the Bat Cave. You never know with him."

"She's right." Conner spoke up just wanting to go back to bed, "now can we please go back to bed. We have a whole 2 hours before we are supposed to train with Black Canary and I plan on sleeping through much of that time as I can." Conner had been out very late the night before on a stakeout and only got about 3 hours of sleep before Wally woke him up.

"You guys can go back to bed if you want I'll find Dick myself." He sped to the zeta-tubes and left.

Now at Bruce Wayne's manor Wally knocked on the door impatiently. He was somewhat upset that he took all that time to make a "nice" meal and Dick wasn't even there to enjoy it. He should have told he was gonna leave. Wally was greeted by Alfred at the door.

"Hello Master Wally." Alfred's english accent was strong as he spoke, "May I ask why you are here this early in the morning?" His eyebrow raised as he spoke. Even he knew Wally was not an early riser.

"I'm hear to see Dick. Cause it's his birthday and all." Wally's fingers tapped on in side impatiently.

"Master Dick is not here Master Wally," Alfred seemed not in the slightest bit worried, "he has not returned since yesterday morning."

"Well he isn't at the cave so I thought he might be here." Wally was starting to get a little worried.

"Master Bruce may have sent him out," Alfred said before hearing his name being called, "Master Bruce needs me now. I'm sure you will find Master Dick soon." With that he closed the door.

Wally turned and sped to the nearest zeta-tube and teleported back to the cave. "Maybe the Bats did send him out on some sort of underground mission that only he was to know about or something like that" Wally thought to himself walking to the kitchen where M'gann

was cooking a real breakfast for them.

"Since someone decided to turn the last of our bacon into charcoal we are going to have cinnamon toast and cereal." Artemis glared at Wally as he walked into the room.

"Well excuse me for trying to make a meal for a friend," Wally rolled his eyes and grabbed a piece of the delicious looking toast, "Oh and I went to the Cave and Dick wasn't there I don't know where the heck he is Alfie said Bats might have sent him off on some secret mission only for him but that was t for certain."

The team could hear the zeta-tubes announcing Black Canary's arrival and they quickly rushed to the training room, not wanting to get in trouble for being late. Each of them grabbed a piece of toast before leaving and ate it as they went. When they got there Black Canary was holding what looked like a present. It was a small box wrapped in red and black paper with a small yellow bow on top. She eyes the team noticing Robin wasn't there.

"Where's Dick?" She asked her eyes looking mostly towards Wally. It was M'gann who replied.

"We don't know we wanted to ask you that same question," M'gann's face showed worry now, "he wasn't in his room when we went to surprise him this morning and Wally said he wasn't at the Bat Cave. We don't know if Batman may have sent him out on a mission that's why we wanted to ask you."

"I don't know of any missions from Batman," Black Canary was a little worried as well and spoke through her com to the watch tower, "Hey Batman, you there"

"What." The voice of Batman deep and piercing.

"I'm at the mountain and Dick isn't here. The kids said he wasn't in his room this morning and he wasn't at the cave. Did you send him out on a mission?" Black Canary asked hoping the answer would be yes. To her dismay she received

"No I haven't spoken to him since yesterday morning." Batman was now also somewhat worried. He didn't want anything to happen to Dick if he was missing.

"Where is he?" Wally said looking over at his fellow team mates

Thanks for reading the first chapter to my FIRST ever fan fiction. Please don't hate on me if you think it's bad just point out what you think I can improve :3 I would love that. Thanks Guys :D

2. Fudge

Dick's eyes slowly opened. He looked at his surroundings unable to make out where he was, partly because his vision was a little blurry. He shook off the weariness that he still felt and looked around once more. He could see better now and found there wasn't much to see really. It was a small room, empty, typical, room for a prisoner and it was quite dark. Out of the darkness and fiendish voice could be

heard.

"Finally, I thought you'd never wake up," The sleazy voice said, his face coming into view, "so how was your sleep. I hope it was comfy." The man giggled a little bit his smile literally going from ear to ear.

"The Joker!" Dick shouted in his mind, "what is this sleazeball up to."

Dick struggled in the chair he was placed in only to receive a violent shock running up and down his spine. He yelled in pain and settled down.

"Tsk Tsk my dear Robin. You should now better then to struggle. It never leads to anything good." Joker giggled at first then burst into a full blown laugh. He walked over the Dick and placed his hand on his chest, "This meter will monitor your movement so if you try and struggle it will give you a painful shock." Dick glared at Joker as he spoke not daring to move.

"Why did you bring me here?" Dick's eyes stared strait into Joker's, his voice full of spite and hatred.

"Oh yes I haven't told you that yet now have I," Joker's smile seemed to grow bigger, if that was even possible, "I heard it was your birthday and decided I would give you a present." He pulled a box from the corner. It was rather large and you could here a noise coming from inside. Dick couldn't tell what the sound was but was certain it wasn't good. Joker took the lid from the box and pushed it closer to Dick's chair.

"I hope you like it." He said as a laugh escaped, "Your precious Batman will have 3 hours to find you by himself or pay me \$10 million and I'll give him a small hint. If he doesn't find you then you go BOOM!" With those words he left. Laughing harder then before.

Dick's eyes grew large when he realized that his "present" was a bomb. His breathed much harder now as the thought of being killed by an explosion went through his mind.

"No, Batman will find me. He is the world's best detective of course he'll find me." Dick closed his eyes hoping this was all a dream and when he opened them again he would be at home in his bed looking at Wally's stupid face as he gave him his usual birthday "breakfast". He had no such luck. He opened them to see the dingy room once more and the bomb sitting at his feet ticking away. "Well fudge." He said banging his head on the back of the chair.

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Well dat is da end of that chapter.
Once again I do hope that you guys would leave me some reviews. I
really would like to have some of you guys tell me how I can make
this story better or even give me ideas for further chapters :D
thanks for reading this

>Bye Guys See You Next Update. (Also sorry this chapter is WAY
shorter then the one before from now on I'll try and keep them over
1000 words :3)<p>

Wally didn't feel training, he really couldn't knowing that his best friend was out there somewhere. Most likely in trouble. You can't really be the boy wonder and not get in to trouble, well any super hero in general. Black Canary, though also worried, decided they still needed to train. Wherever Dick was he could handle himself until the league found him, he was trained for a reason. BC called Artemis and Kaldur to spar and as they were entering the arena BC received a message through her com.

"Black Canary I need you here now." Came the deep, commanding voice of Batman.

"What is it?" Black Canary started towards the door of the training room ushering the team to follow.

"I'm receiving a video message from the Joker, concerning Dick."

She and the team ran to the main room of the mountain where Batman was waiting. On a large screen you could see the face of the Joker, Wally shivered. Batman had the video paused so they could watch it with him.

"Hello Batman, I bet your wondering where your precious boy wonder is aren't you. Well I can give you a hint," the Joker's eyes looked odd to the side. Then he moved the camera to face Dick, Dick looked angry, more angry then anyone had ever seen him before, but also very scared, "He's right here. You have three hours to find him or he will go BOOM!" as he said revealing the large bomb. "Or maybe if you don't want him to go BOOM! You could just pay me \$10 million and I will simply tell you where he is. Anyways gotta run I've got places to be people to kill you know regular errands. Toodeloo." The video ended and everyone stared wide-eyed.

"What are we gonna do Batman?" M'gann was the first to speak up.

Batman turned to look at the team. "You will search all of Gotham city, leave no stone unturned. I will send some of the leaguers to help look for him. I myself will try and trace this video and find out where it was sent from. Batman zeta-tuned back to the Bat Cave and began his trace. He busily typed unable to think about anything else but Dick's face in that video. He thought back on the year he adopted him and the great times they had as a family, well when they weren't in costume. He was not going to let anything happen to Dick, ever. He jumped out of his chair when his computer froze and began flashing strange images and sentences. A few moment later it burst into flames melting into a blob of metal.

"Aww crap, Joker must have had one of his buddies set up a new virus." He knew he could have avoided it but must have been too distracted to notice it before it took over the computer. He most likely lost the video so he could no longer try and trace it. He raced from the Bat Cave to help the team and the league in the search, since his computer was now useless.

Wally raced up and down the streets of Gotham running into creepy warehouses and old abandoned apartment buildings. Typical places a criminal would be. M'gann was flying over each building trying to sense if Dick was in any of them. Artemis, Conner, and Kaldur where

helping Wally and checking some of Joker's past hideouts. None of them proved any good. The team regrouped in the center of Gotham hoping that one or the other found something good.

"I looked everywhere and didn't see anything." Wally panted a little. His stomach growled but he ignored it.

"I mind swept each building but I couldn't sense him." M'gann said also a little tired from so much flying around and mind work.

"We checked the Joker's old hide outs but didn't find anything either." Conner spoke up before sitting down on a nearby bench.

Wally could smell hotdogs a little ways away. He really wanted one but he knew he needed to Keep searching for Dick. "Ok maybe just one." He thought to himself. He sped over to the hotdog cart and grabbed a hotdog eating it quickly as he walked back over to his team. "Maybe it's a good thing I got this I was feeling a little woozy." He thought as he swallowed the last bite. Suddenly Batman appeared in an alley behind them telling them to follow him. Once everyone was there he spoke.

"Ok so my computer is fried and I lost the video so I was unable to trace the video. Did any of you have any luck locating Dick?" Batman seemed different when he spoke, much more frantic then usual.

"No sir, we couldn't find him anywhere I swept over the buildings and Wally checked all abandoned warehouses and such while Kaldur and the rest searched his old hideouts. We have nothing." M'gann's eyes started to fill with tears as she thought of losing a friend as good as Dick. "No!" She reassured herself, "He'll be fine."

Dick looked down and the bomb sitting at his feet.

"2 hours left," Dick couldn't stand that he could not move. He stared at the bomb watching each second go by, "Come on Batman where are you."

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alright guys :D since it's Saturday I didn't have anything to do so yay more chapter stuff that you can read, yeah. Once again please review and let me know what you would like me to add to later chapters and give me some helpful advice on how to make my stories better :3 Thanks Guys :D

4. Where am I?

Dick looked around the room hoping to find something he could use. The walls had nothing on them, except one had a metal box. Dick looked closer at the box and found it was the electrical box. Maybe if he could shut it off this meter will shut off as well. His gadgets and tools where all taken away from him, of course, except for one. He pulled a tiny little gun from out of a secret pocket near his head. He lifted it with his teeth and dropped it into his lap. Reaching with his hand he tried to grab it. Neither of his hands could reach it and it was stuck right in the middle of them. "Crap." He whispered suddenly hearing footsteps coming down the hall. Joker's

smiling face appeared around the door. Dick quickly dropped his gun in between his legs, hiding it from view.

"Hello Robin, I came to check and see if you were ok. Still feeling comfy? Good." Joker spoke not even stopping to let Dick get a word in edgewise, not like he cared, then he started to walk away, "Oh and I am watching you Robin I know what your doing."

Dick's eyebrow raised slightly. "What? Why didn't he take away my gun. I guess he thinks I can't do anything with it. Which may be true since now it's stuck between my legs."

Dick's plan was to shoot a certain part of the box that would cause it to shut down. He also hoped that it was what powered the meter making it to where he couldn't try and escape. All he needed was his freakin gun. He squirmed ever so slightly trying to push the gun back up and nearly got it before being shocked fiercely. He sat for a second his eyes wide and back aching terribly. But hey he pushed the gun up on accident. He smiled broadly and shoved it over to his right hand. He couldn't aim very well but did the best he could. He heard steps coming down the hallway more fast paced then before.

"It's now or never." Dick half shouted and fired multiple times all around the box's frame. It sparked and burst into flames right as the Joker appeared.

"Why you naughty boy," Joker for once didn't seem to have a smile on his face. He snatched the gun from Dick and went to find a fire extinguisher, "children shouldn't have toys like this."

When he walked out of the room Dick wriggled then stopped, expecting a shock. Nothing happened. Ah-Ha! He was right. He pulled and twisted at the straps that held him until he managed to slip one hand free. Joker re-appeared into the room, extinguisher in hand.

"Hey!" Joker shouted, a sense of pouting in his voice.

He ran at Dick to receive a hard punch in the face and fell into a heap on the floor. Dick smirked and preceded to unstrap his other hand. He freed his feet and looked around. His eyes fell upon the bomb once again. It looked pretty simple in its build. Nothing he couldn't disarm in less then 15 seconds. You would think the Joker would get one a little more complicated just in case. Dick dropped to his knees and began moving wires and changing selected codes in the computer chip of the bomb until the timer stopped.

"Dang it 16 seconds," Dick snapped his fingers before standing up and looking at Joker. He was still sprawled on the floor, "I'll just leave him here. I need to get out of here."

He ran to the hallway and began his search for the exit.

"Dang, this place is huge what the heck!" Dick passed from hall to hall confused as all heck. He stopped to look at a map on the wall. The thing looked like a maze that no one could ever find the end to. And right in the center was a little red dot saying "you are here" Dick banged his head on the wall a few times before finally realizing where he was. He was in an abandoned lab about 5 miles outside of Gotham, underground. His com wasn't working because he was too far underground and he new Joker would come looking for him so he took

one more look at the map then started running.

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Wally was biting his nails back at the mountain as he looked at the clock.

"Stop biting your nails, it's a really bad habit." Artemis swatted Wally's hand from his mouth.

"I know, I'm just super stressed about Dick. We only have 1:30 left and are no closer to finding him then we were an hour ago." Wally returned his nails to his teeth and began munching once more.

Artemis simply rolled her eyes and went to greet Batman as he zeta-tubed into the mountain.

"Anything?" came Kaldur's voice from behind the rest of the team. He casually walked whilst the rest almost ran into Batman.

"Yes actually. I think I may have located 3 possible places Joker could have taken him," Batman walked over to the computer and pulled up a map, "there are three old abandoned labs belonging to Wayne enterprises in its early days. All of which are underground. Two of them are quite small but the third is extremely large and hard to get into. It was the main lab for Wayne enterprises at the time." Batman pointed out where each one was and then turned to look at the team. "I need you to get into each one of those labs and search everything. Leave no stone unturned."

"But that is a lot of ground to cover in 1 hour," Connor said shaking his head, "I don't think we can search them all in time."

Batman turned and glared at Connor, "Then split into teams. Artemis, Wally, and Connor take this one," He gestured to the largest, "Kaldur and M'gann take this one and I will take the last one." With those words Batman left, the team following close on his heels.

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Ok so I'm super sorry this took so long. I've been super busy and I couldn't think of what to do in the next chapter so yeah sorry :[

But hey it's here be glad. Once again please leave a review telling me how I can make this better and PLEASE give me ideas for further chapters I NEED THEM. Thanks Guys Byeeee :3

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